Industry. However, in view of economic slow down & resource crunch, OMCs are not contemplating any investment in Brazil to set up an ethanol project at present. Further, the OMCs are not looking at import of ethanol from Brazil into India.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Since the scheme is not implemented, the question of sugar mills in the country being in a bad shape due to the above policy does not arise.

Impact of use of branded petrol

*115. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:

SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2432 given in the Rajya Sabha on 15th April, 2008 and state:

(a) whether his Ministry has conducted any study on the rate of protection, the branded fuels are providing to the vehicles and the extent of reduction in pollution level by these branded fuels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any study report regarding the non-wastage of fuel based on these advertisements is with him; and

(d) if not, the basis of his claim thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) and (d) Branded fuel is manufactured by addition of multifunctional additives to normal fuel. The data on these branded fuels has been evaluated extensively. As per test report, the branded fuel reduces carbon monoxide and hydrocarbon emissions considerably, improves engine performance and also improves fuel economy. Branded fuel substantially reduces the deposits on intake valve in the engine, leading to lower maintenance cost and better drivability and pick-up.

FAA'S Notice regarding safety norms

*116. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:

SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation have received a notice from USA's Federation Aviation Administration (FAA) to reassess the precarious staff strength to ensure flight safety norms;

(b) if so, the details of the FAA notice and the action taken by the DGCA;

(c) whether FAA is likely to downgrade India from Level-1 to Level-3 resulting in curtailment of flights to and from USA; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken to strengthen the DGCA as per FAA norms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) The Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has received communication from USA's